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SUBJ: PROPOSED AID TO RWANDA

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1. SUMMARY: REDSO TEAM VISIT SUCCESSFUL IN IDENTIFYING SEVERAL VALID POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND EMBASSY BASICALLY AGREES WITH ALTERNATIVES LISTED REF (B). GOOD ATMOSPHERE CREATED BY TEAM'S TALKS WITH GOR SHOULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY EARLY DECISION ON US PACKAGE. END SUMMARY

2. EMBASSY PLEASED WITH REDSO/EA TEAM'S HARD WORK AND OPEN-MINDED ATTITUDE DURING KIGALI VISIT. THIS PLUS UNUSUALLY THOROUGH GOR HOMEWORK MADE FOR GOOD ATMOSPHERE AND REAL DIALOGUE. BEFORE LEAVING KIGALI REDSO/EA TEAM CLEARED WITH US A DRAFT OF THEIR CABLE. THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO MAJOR AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN REDSO TEAM AND EMBASSY AND WE CONCURRED IN TEAM'S REJECTION OF CERTAIN OBVIOUSLY INAPPROPRIATE RWANDAN PROPOSALS. EMBASSY WILL POUCH COMMENTS ON REJECTED PROPOSALS.

3. MAIN THING NOW IS TO PRESERVE MOMENTUM GENERATED BY REDSO VISIT AND PROVIDE EARLY AND "CREDITABLE" (PARA 2, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REF B), RESPONSE TO GOR. AS REPORTED KIGALI 0056 REDSO

TEAM EXPRESSED OPTIMISM WASHINGTON WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE DECISION WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS. RWANDANS OBVIOUSLY TOOK TEAM'S PREDICTION SERIOUSLY AND EXPECT PROMPT REPLY. BELIEVE MAXIMUM IMPACT WOULD BE ACHIEVED IF AMBASSADOR FRITTS COULD TELL GOR OF US PLANS UPON HIS ARRIVAL KIGALI.

4. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT IS TEAM'S REMARK TO EMBOFFS THAT REDSO/EA DIRECTOR HOGAN BELIEVED \$1 MILLION GRANT PLUS \$3-5 MILLION LOAN WOULD BE "BALL PARK" FIGURE FOR US PACKAGE. BELIEVE SUCH AMOUNT COULD ACHIEVE OUR POLITICAL AIMS AND MAKE USEFUL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION. LESSER PACKAGE WOULD BE LETDOWN FOR RWANDANS IN VIEW OF OUR REPEATED ASSURANCES THAT WE WOULD RESPOND MEANINGFULLY TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. RECOMMEND PACKAGE CONSIST OF ONE OF PROJECTS LISTED IN PARA 2 REF B FOR GRANT TERMS PLUS LAKE KIVU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER LOAN TERMS IF GRANT NOT AVAILABLE.

5. FOLLOWING EMBASSY COMMENTS KEYED TO OPTIONS IDENTIFIED PARA 2 REF B.

(A) TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE. IN TERMS OF IMMEDIATE IMPACT, BELIEVE VOLCANOES PARK INFRASTRUCTURE AND MODEST LODGE WOULD BE BEST GRANT ELEMENT IN PACKAGE. IT WOULD DIRECTLY RESPOND TO GOR REQUEST THAT US "TAKE OVER" TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THIS REGION AND APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH OUR PAST INTEREST IN RWANDAN TOURISM. RELATIVELY QUICK IMPLEMENTATION THIS PROJECT WOULD BE EVIDENCE OF US EFFICIENCY AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN PARK COULD HELP INSURE EFFECTIVE USE OF GRANT. AS INDICATED REF B, REAL MOMENTUM IN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT HAS BUILT UP IN LAST FEW WEEKS. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMED US BRUSSELS AGREED DURING RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S LATE JANUARY VISIT TO BELGIUM TO GO AHEAD WITH BELGIAN TOURISM PACKAGE, INCLUDING LODGE CONSTRUCTION IN KAGERA PARK. REDSO/EA TEAM REMARKED TO US THAT TOURISM PROJECT'S "SALEABILITY" IN WASHINGTON ENHANCED BY FACT THAT RWANDAN TOURISM IS LISTED IN ID'S CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION.

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(B) FOOD GRAIN STORAGE AND MARKETING. EMBASSY AGREES WITH COMMENTS REF B. IT APPEARED HOWEVER FROM OUR TALKS WITH REDSO TEAM THAT PROJECT WOULD TAKE FAIRLY LONG TIME TO IMPLEMENT AND COULD BE RISKY BECAUSE OF LACK OF RWANDAN EXPERIENCE IN FOOD GRAIN MARKETING. POLITICAL IMPACT AND EASE OF EXECUTION WOULD BE LESS THAN FOR TOURISM PROJECT, BUT LONG TERM BENEFIT FOR POPULATION MIGHT BE GREATER IF PROJECT SUCCEEDED.

(C) ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING. CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING TECHNICAL SCHOOL WOULD HAVE HIGH VISIBILITY AND BE RESPECTABLE GRANT SEGMENT OF US PACKAGE. IMPLEMENTATION, WHICH WOULD BE RELATED TO UNDP/ILO PROJECT, COULD DRAG ON HOWEVER.

(D) LAKE KIVU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT. ONE OF GOR'S REQUESTS TO REDSO TEAM WAS FOR SECONDARY ROADS IN CONTEXT RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. BELIEVE US ROLE IN LAKE KIVU REGION ALONG WITH SWISS AND FRG WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO THIS REQUEST AND WOULD GIVE US ASSISTANCE CREDITABLE DIMENSIONS. WE WOULD PREFER SWISS AND GERMANS

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TAKE ON FINANCING MAIN KIBUYE-GITARAMA ROAD SINCE THIS IS WHAT GOR EXPECTS THEM TO DO. RECOGNIZE COMPLEXITY OF

ROAD PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE LEAD TIME FOR COORDINATION WITH OTHER DONORS, STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION. THEREFORE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT WE PROCEED QUICKLY WITH AT LEAST ONE OTHER PROJECT (PREFERABLY GRANT FINANCED). WHEN REDSO/EA TEAM DESCRIBED US SNFT LOAN TERMS TO GOR OFFICIALS LATTER GAVE IMPRESSION THEY FOUND TERMS ACCEPTABLE.

(E) TICK CONTROL. AGREE PROJECT COULD BE INITIATED AND IMPLEMENTED QUICKLY BUT POLITICAL IMPACT WOULD BE MINOR AS RESULTS WOULD BE OF LOW VISIBILITY AND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

(F) ROAD MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT. FRG ADVISOR TO RWANDAN PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY HAS EMPHASIZED TO EMBASSY NEED FOR EQUIPMENT. HE POINTS OUT THAT EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER IBRD LOAN LESS THAN ORIGINALLY EXPECTED BECAUSE OF PRICE INCREASES AND DOLLAR DEVALUATION. BELIEVE GOR ROAD MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT COULD BE TIED INTO LAKE KIVU REGION FEEDER ROADS (SEE D ABOVE) AND THUS RESPOND TO TWO SEPARATE RWANDAN REQUESTS.

(G) PARTICIPANT TRAINING. THIS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL BUT THINNESS OF GOR MANPOWER RESOURCES WOULD MEAN SUCH PROGRAM WOULD BE SMALL DUE TO SHORTAGE OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES. REDSO REP WESTLEY COMMENTED TO EMBOFFS THAT INCLUSION OF PARTICIPANT TRAINING IN PACKAGE COULD BE DONE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO PROSPECTS FOR GRANT AND LOAN AID.

6. EMBASSY PREPARING AIDAC CABLE ENDORSING AND COMMENTING ON NAIROBI 1059.  
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